

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of bleaching a textile, the textile carrying a stain, the method comprising the following steps:

- (i) adding a unit dose of a bleaching composition comprising: iodine ~~or a source thereof~~ in the range from 0.0005 wt % to 5.0 5 wt % by weight of the composition; and, the balance carriers and adjunct ingredients to an aqueous medium thereby providing an aqueous iodine bleaching environment, the environment being buffered in a pH ranging from 4 to 9;
- (ii) contacting the textile with the aqueous iodine bleaching environment;
- (iii) rinsing the textile with water; and,
- (iv) drying the textile.

Claim 2 (original): A method according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous iodine bleaching environment comprises iodine at a concentration in the range from 3 to 30 ppm.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the bleaching composition comprises a builder.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the bleaching composition comprises a fluorescent agent.

Claim 5 (original): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the bleaching composition comprises an enzyme.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim [6] 1, wherein the ~~liquor~~ environment is buffered in the pH range from 7 to 9.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the ~~unit dose~~ bleaching composition is provided in the form of a liquid.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the ~~unit dose~~ bleaching composition is provided in the form of a solid.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the iodine ~~or source thereof~~ has been coated and/or cogranulated with a substance that reduces the vapour pressure of iodine.

Claim 11 (original): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the bleaching composition comprises a surfactant in the range from 0.5 wt % to 50 wt %.

Claim 12 (original): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 11, wherein the bleaching composition comprises a surfactant in the range from 5 wt % to 20 wt %.

Claim 13 (new): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the stain is selected from the group consisting of beta-carotene, turmeric and combinations thereof.

Claim 14 (new): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein the bleaching environment is buffered in the pH range from about 5 to about 8.

Claim 15 (new): A method of bleaching a textile according to claim 1, wherein hypochlorite is absent from the bleaching composition.